

# Cutting Back



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Residence halls and scholarship houses participated for a month in an energy savings program to decrease electricity used by residents. This is the second year the halls have taken part in the program.

## Residence halls compete to lower energy use

Austin Enns | COLLEGIAN

Last fall, gas prices dived in the midst of a brutal economic climate. As the shock from the crash of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Bear Stearns Companies Inc. has slowly worn off, gas prices have slowly marched back toward three dollars a gallon. This increase is indicative of a dependence problem Americans have for energy. Economic news is dour, but prices still increase because demand is not sensitive to the increases. For an entire month, the residence halls participated in a hall energy savings program in order to ease the burden placed on the Department of Housing and Dining Services by a high energy bill.

Chelsea Heyd, freshman in communications studies and campus issues coordinator for the Kansas State University Association of Residence Halls, said this is the second year the halls have participated in the program.

Heyd said last year each hall competed separately, but this year the halls were split into two teams in order to equate for

the extra energy being used by the dining centers and bakeries.

Amy Parsons, senior in agribusiness and president of the KSUARH, said the team of Haymaker, Putnam, Van Zile, Ford and Goodnow Halls won the competition with an energy decrease of 9.4 percent. She said Moore, Marlatt, West and Boyd Halls and Smurthwaite Scholarship House had a decrease of 7.1 percent. The winning halls were given bamboo plants for their front desks and the losing halls got ivy plants. Van Zile had the biggest decrease in electricity, a 17 percent drop. Students were encouraged to turn off lights in their rooms, unplug chargers, wash large loads of laundry and open windows instead of using air conditioning.

Parsons said she enjoyed finding out how much Housing and Dining Services really spent on electricity and how they measure the amount of electricity used.

"It was cool. I got to see the readings on the meters in Moore Hall; it was intense," Parsons said. "There were so many meters. Some were digital and some weren't,

but the maintenance guy did all the readings for us to eliminate bias."

Residence halls were notified through posters and Resident Assistants, and the students were given tips on how to reduce electricity and water usage. Water usage was not counted in the competition because the judges had no way to measure that statistic.

Chelsea Corkins, president of Smurthwaite, said it was an excellent proposal to get the residence halls involved in saving energy.

"I think it's a good idea, but I wish that it would have been promoted a little more," said Corkins, sophomore in biological systems engineering and in natural resources and environmental science.

Both Heyd and Parsons agree the residence halls will be continuing the energy savings program next year in an effort to encourage environmental awareness for students.

"I think it's really important for everyone to think green," Parsons said. "It's the future and I want people to be conscious about it."

## New speed limit put in effect

STAFF REPORT

Last Friday, speed limit restrictions were put into place on US-24 for the McCall Road project in Manhattan and Pottawatomie County, according to a news release from the Kansas Department of Transportation. Through the work zone, the speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph from 55 mph, and extra law enforcement by the Riley County Police Department and the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department in the area has been implemented as well, according to the report.

Changes have been made due to safety concerns and an increase in traffic crashes at and/or adjacent to the project site. The project includes the addition of double left-turn lanes on McCall Road for vehicles turning east onto US-24, installation of new traffic signals and storm sewer improvements, according to the report.

More information can be found at [ksdot.org](http://ksdot.org).

### POLICE REPORT

## Unknown suspect rapes woman in home

Hannah Blick | COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan woman reported earlier this week that she had been raped by an unknown man, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department. The incident occurred sometime between 2 and 4 a.m. on Thursday in southeast Manhattan, said RCPD Lt. Herb Crosby. The victim, in her early 20s, woke up to an unknown male in her apartment, according to the report. The suspect was described as being 5'6" and wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt and pants; no arrests in the case have been made, Crosby said. There were no signs of forced entry in the victim's apartment, and the victim sustained no injuries that required medical attention, Crosby said.

### MANHATTAN MAN VICTIM OF AGGRAVATED BURGLARY

A flat screen TV was stolen last weekend from a Manhattan man's apartment, according to a report from the RCPD. The incident occurred sometime between 11:30 p.m. on Friday and 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, said Crosby.

The victim, Scott Morris, 20, of 344 N. Fifteenth St., reported his Panasonic 37" flat screen TV, valued at \$1,200, stolen on Monday, Crosby said. According to the report, the suspect entered Morris' unlocked residence and stole the TV while the victim was upstairs sleeping. No arrests have been made.

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Manhattan

Lauren Garrison | COLLEGIAN

According to a study done by the National Institute of Justice, it is estimated for every 1,000 women attending a college or university, there are 35 incidents of rape each academic year.

During the month of April, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, along with several other organizations, is promoting public awareness of sexual assault for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. KCSDV has 30 statewide member programs in various communities throughout the state, and several of those communities will be hosting events to raise awareness.

"We do legislative work, and other stuff like that," said Melissa DeDonder, communications coordinator for KCSDV. "We don't actually work with the victims, but we help increase victims' access to assistance."

The purpose of KCSDV, according to their Web site, [Kcsdv.org](http://Kcsdv.org), is the prevention and elimination of sexual and domestic violence through a statewide network of programs providing support and safety for all victims.

"Basically, we help support our groups in helping them to reach people," DeDonder said. "Help promote the issue and promote how to resolve it."

There have already been two events earlier this month, and last night was the third in the series. The teen dating violence awareness event last night was held in Overland

Park, Kan., at the Jewish Community Center, located at 5801 W. 115th St. The Outrage, a high school theater troupe, performed a 25-minute piece about teen dating violence, and Jami Goodwin, a survivor of teen dating violence, told her story to the audience.

The Outrage has two troupes from Blue Valley Northwest High School and Olathe Northwest High School, said Amber Bourek, public relations coordinator for SAFE-HOME. Each troupe is made up of four men and four women.

Bourek said last night's performance was made up of only three scenes. The members began their performance by giving statistics about teen dating violence. Then, there was a scene where the teens are at a party, and one of the members became a victim of teen dating violence.

Following the party scene, the troupe enacted a scene with the victim and her father after the party. For the final scene, the troupe then returned to the party scene, as if nothing had ever happened to the victim, but this time, the friends of the victim tried to help her.

"The Outrage gives many performances throughout the year," Bourek said. "Most of the performances are in schools."

She said the troupe, when performing at middle and high schools, has a question and answer session after the performance. Bourek

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FILE PHOTO

For the past 12 years, people have participated in Take Back the Night at K-State, a march symbolizing women reclaiming areas that become dangerous at night.

### CALENDER OF EVENTS

- April 17** - Great Bend, Kan., at Courthouse Walk a Mile in Her Shoes
- April 23** - Topeka, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Concealed Revealed Art Exhibition
- April 27** - Kansas City, Kan., at YWCA of KCK Speak Out: Empowerment Through Spoken Word
- April 29** - Kansas City, Kan., at Avila University Safe Sanctuaries: An Interfaith Clergy Conference
- April 29** - Salina Proclamation Signing & Denim Day
- April 29** - Abilene, Kan. Proclamation Signing
- April 30** - Wichita at Old Town Plaza 24th Annual Take Back the Night

### SEXUAL ASSAULT STATISTICS

Study No. 1

- It is estimated that the percentage of completed or attempted rape among women in higher educational institutions might be between 20 and 25 percent during the course a college career.
- Among college women, nine in 10 victims of rape and sexual assault knew their offender.
- Almost 12.8 percent of completed rapes, 35 percent of attempted rapes, and 22.9 percent of threatened rapes happened during a date.
- It is estimated that for every 1,000 women attending a college or university, there are 35 incidents of rape each academic year.
- Off-campus sexual victimization is much more common among college women than on-campus victimization. Of victims of completed rape 33.7 percent were victimized on campus and 66.3 percent off campus.
- Less than 5 percent of completed or attempted rapes against college women were reported to law enforcement.

Study No. 2

- Freshmen and sophomores are at greater risk for victimization than juniors and seniors.
- 18 percent experienced an attempted and/or completed sexual assault since entering college.
- Among the total sample, 5 percent experienced a completed physically forced sexual assault, but 11 percent of the sample experienced a completed incapacitated sexual assault.
- Most victims of physically forced or incapacitated sexual assault were assaulted by someone they knew (79 and 88 percent).

Source for Study No. 1: Fisher, B.S., Cullen, F.T., & Turner, M.G. (2000). The Sexual Victimization of College Women. National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Source for Study No. 2: Krebs, C.P., Lindquist, C.H., Warner, T.D., Fisher, B.S., & Martin, S.L. (2007). The Campus Sexual Assault (CSA) Study. National Institute of Justice. Information is not definite/absolutely correct because many people who are raped do not alert the authorities.

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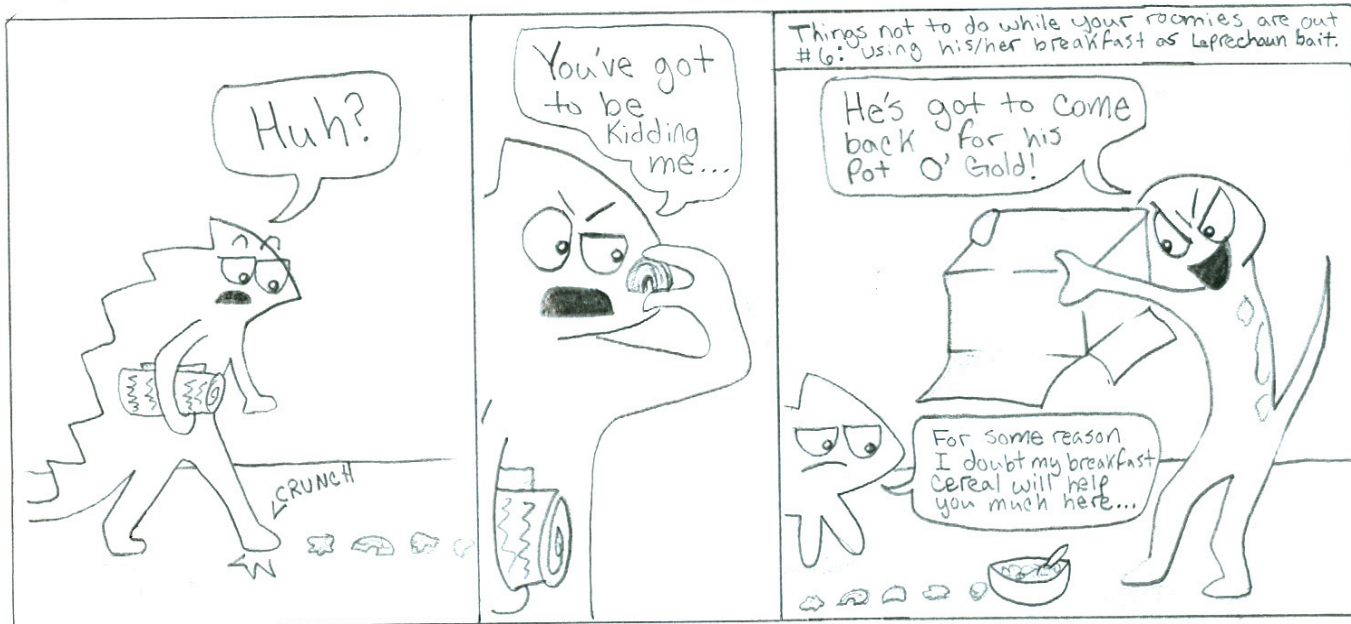
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**SafeZone** invites all members of the K-State community to attend the Non-violent Communication workshop today from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. in Union 212. For more information, check out [k-state.edu/safezone](http://k-state.edu/safezone).

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**The Graduate School** announces the final doctoral dissertation of Darin Duane Lenz, titled, "Strengthening the Faith of the Children of God: Pietism, Print, and Prayer in the Making of a World Evangelical Hero, George Muller of Bristol (1805-1898)." It will be held today at 9 a.m. in Eisenhower 201.

**The Graduate School** announces the final doctoral dissertation of Alison Luce Fedrow, titled, "Drosophila Melanogaster as a Model for Studying Ehrlichia Chaffeensis." It will be held today at 8:30 a.m. in Ackert 324.

**The Graduate School** announces the final doctoral dissertation of Jason Michael Brunner titled, "Relationship Building in a Cross-Cultural Setting." It will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Bluemont Hall Room 449.

**The Graduate School** announces the final doctoral dissertation of Scott Anthony Klasner titled, "Novel Capillary and Microfluidic Devices for Biological Analyses." It will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in Hale Library Room 301.

**The City of Manhattan Parks & Recreation Department** is looking for volunteer youth baseball and softball coaches for the upcoming summer season. The approximate season for the leagues will be May 17 - July 23. Interested individuals may contact MPRD at 587-2757 or e-mail Jeff Mayer at [mayer@ci.manhattan.ks.us](mailto:mayer@ci.manhattan.ks.us).

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# Students show off skills for annual landscape competition

Mayra Rivarola | COLLEGIAN

The KSU PLANET Landscape Contracting Team ranked 14th in an annual three-day competition among students enrolled in horticulture programs in universities and colleges from across the country.

Professional Landcare Network sponsored Student Career Days for its 34th year on April 7-11 in Atlanta, Ga., giving students a chance to apply skills related to their fields and to network with prospective employers.

Around 900 students from 69 universities and colleges participated in workshops, attended career fairs and competed in 28 different events including landscape design, a plant identification contest, arboriculture techniques, patio construction and others. In six of the individual events, K-State students were among the top 10 out of 40 to 80 students.

"It's a great feeling that I've competed against my peers and come out as one of the top 10," said Derek Deboer, senior in horti-

culture and third place winner in the exterior landscape design competition. "I feel very well prepared to work in my field."

Students are presented with a challenge and then given a period of time to complete the goal. They are judged based on a set of criteria. The time limit tests a student's ability to come up with creative solutions fast, Deboer said, preparing them for real world situations.

One of the objectives of the trip is to get hands-on experience on what is taught in the classroom and at the same time connecting with professionals in the industry, Deboer said.

"Working professionals in the industry volunteer their time to challenge the students," said Gregory Davis, team coach and associate professor of horticulture, forestry and recreation. "They are there recruiting and watching the upcoming talents."

Students have many opportunities to mingle with professionals through workshops and career fairs, getting to know the CEOs and

presidents of internationally recognized companies by first name, Deboer said.

"It's a great networking experience," said Brett Grauerholz, junior in horticulture and fourth place winner in irrigation and troubleshooting. "It was the first time I've ever done it and I was happy."

Any student can attend the competition and this year all 23 students from the team traveled to compete. Next year, K-State will be hosting the competition, giving students a unique opportunity to participate, Davis said.

Deboer encourages students to participate, because the contest puts them ahead in classes and offers a great advantage in curriculum building and networking.

"I can't imagine any other experiences offered on campus that can do that," he said.

Grauerholz decided to participate this year after talking to his professors about the event. He emphasized the roles of instructors in motivating students to get out of their comfort zones and in preparing them for the

## TOP 10 IN INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- Arboriculture Techniques
  - 9 Nick Becker, senior in horticulture
  - 9 Levi Parkin, senior in horticulture
- Interior Landscape Design
  - 10 Anna Rhoades, senior in horticulture
- Irrigation Assembly
  - 5 Patrick Cullinan, senior in horticulture
  - 5 Blake Draper, senior in horticulture
- Irrigation Troubleshooting
  - 4 Brett Grauerholz, junior in horticulture
- Exterior Landscape Design
  - 3 Derek Deboer, senior in horticulture
- Leadership Skills
  - 9 Kasey Coad, senior in horticulture

real world.

"They prepared us very well," said Deboer. "The fact that individually we were able to make it to the top 10 or even the top three in the nation speaks a lot about our instructors here at K-State."

# 5k run in support of fair trade

Mayra Rivarola | COLLEGIAN

Students can run for a reason at the second annual FAAST Fun Run 5k race on Sunday morning. The event is dedicated to promoting awareness of poverty and inequality issues in Africa.

"Fair Trade Awareness, Africa's Sustainability, Together" is the theme for the race started last year in an effort to collect donations to support nonprofit and fair trade organizations in Africa.

"We were getting ready to go to Kenya in the summer," said Courtney Held, senior in dietetics and public health nutrition. "This was a great way to help us prepare and get invested in the cause."

The group will be offering fair trade canvas bags to race participants, purchased from two nonprofits in Kenya and Malawi. All proceeds will be donated to BeadforLife, Help Self Help Centre, Comfort the Children International and Africa Bags.

A social fair featuring campus groups dedicated to promoting sustainability will also be present to educate the public about these issues.

"It's a great educational experience," said Held. "And they can do it for exercise knowing they are supporting a good cause."

Students can register online or at the K-State Student Union today through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More information can be found at [faastfunrun.wordpress.com](http://faastfunrun.wordpress.com).

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# Your Amazing Brain

## People's way of thinking makes them individuals



Myles Ikenberry

Everybody's different, and each individual is a mix of different strengths and weaknesses. One person might be able to take apart a blender, find and replace a shorted wire and put it back together in 10 minutes, but that same person might have a fourth grade reading level. Another person might be able to finish a novel in a day, but also spend 10 minutes every day looking for car keys that are in plain sight. The old saying life is 10 percent what happens and 90 percent how you take it could not apply more. Everyone is sometimes amazing and sometimes much less. Instead of giving in to frustration, it's important to recognize and appreciate people's particular combinations of strengths and weaknesses.

Human brains have the amazing capability to specialize in an infinite number of ways. Years of work as a surgeon will make the neurons connecting your fingers and brain thicker and more numerous. Practicing a free throw will build muscle memory and make your body's movement increasingly accurate and reliable. If you spend enough time studying calculus, the once meaningless jargon will become second nature.

Everyone likes to do well and no one likes to be beaten, thus, people automatically become specialized in the areas that come easily. Those who are good at sports generally play more sports and

further enhance those natural abilities, those who are good at math end up taking more math classes and so on. However, it's also important to practice the difficult things. Mastery of calculus won't stop a mathematician from spending an hour looking for his car because he cannot remember where he left it in the parking lot, and having the best free throw average in the league won't stop a basketball player from failing an English class and losing his spot on the team.

The ability of the brain to adapt and overcome difficulties is as impressive as its ability to specialize. Researcher Daniel Dikks' study of stroke victims in the *Journal of Neuroscience* revealed the adult human brain has an incredible ability to adapt and reorganize, comparable to the brains of children. Another example of the adult brain's power to overcome obstacles comes from amputees who have lost their arms, and instead use their toes and feet to do everyday tasks the rest of us take for granted like using a phone or typing an e-mail.

There are few obstacles that cannot be overcome by steadfast dedication and self-reliance, but this reality does not make it appropriate to throw around critical judgments and condemnations every time someone doesn't live up to our expectations. It's not possible to fully understand the various events and influences that have made people the way they are, and accordingly it's not possible to accurately judge them for their shortcomings. It's not even possible to accurately judge ourselves, so there's no reason to let anger and frustration make life less enjoyable.

The human brain only has so much space to take up, and inevitably there are some trade-offs. If everyone was great at everything all the time, everyone would be the same, and life would



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be miserably predictable and unexciting. It's important to work hard at overcoming our personal weaknesses, but those weaknesses are what make us unique. Instead of getting upset when things go badly (as they inevitably do), forgive yourself and vow to work harder. The next time you get cut off by a bad driver or annoyed by someone's lack of social

skills, remember that person might end up writing your next favorite song, pulling off a game-winning interception for your school's team or designing the best cell phone you've ever had.

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# Staying productive, setting goals helps summer arrive sooner



Jillian Aramowicz

The feeling of procrastination and my total unwillingness to do anything had hit full force in my apartment. Sunday was already off to a rough start for several reasons and it was safe to say I felt like death warmed over on every level possible.

I clicked mindlessly through my TV channels, though I knew there was nothing on. After I had seen the Old Spice commercial – the one where Cheeseburger Eddy looks like he's about to jump out of the screen and eat you – three times, I realized I absolutely had to get up and do something productive. This is the hardest part of the year for me, the period after spring break when summer feels like it's just out of reach and doing the same boring lectures over and over during the nice weather turns you into a pitiful mess. I hate it.

I sighed and opened my door to

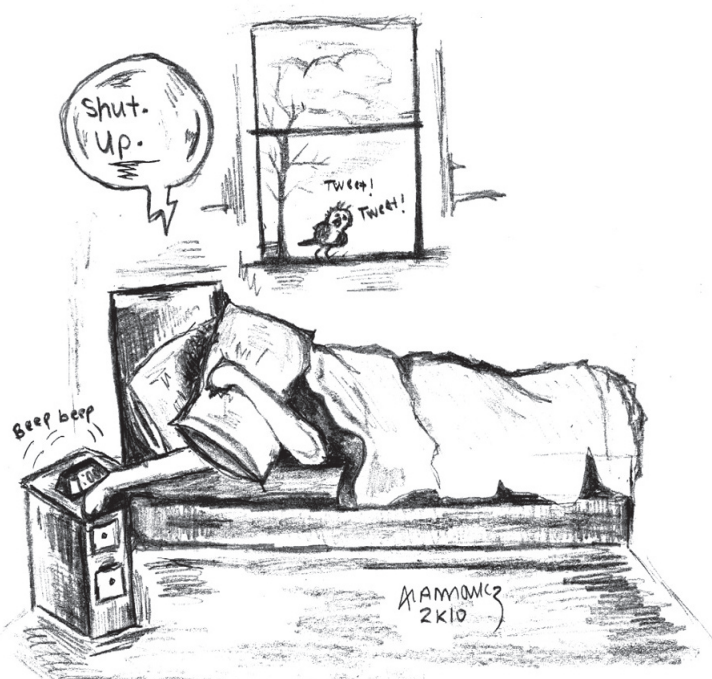


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see what was going on outside.

It was nice out, and I knew I should go run some errands and get things done around my apartment. As I lackadaisically dragged my trash and laundry out the door, I thought about what could be done to make my standard school life a bit better for these

last few weeks. Making a plan on how to stay motivated and somewhat excited seemed like a good starting point to make my mood at least a tiny bit better.

My first tip on the subject of spring fever is to stop counting down. I have always been one of those hyper-actively anxious peo-

ple when I'm waiting for a certain date or event, and I've come to realize counting down only makes me more anxious. I used to count down days or weeks before something important occurred, but I recently realized this drives me absolutely nuts. It almost seemed like everything was farther away the more I counted, so I decided to stop. Focusing on one day at a time has really helped me to not only stop worrying about things in a while longer, but also helped me be more productive with the tasks needed to be done immediately.

My next goal for combating my complete apathy toward school is to spend more time outside. The weather is generally in a perfect state this time of year, give or take a few days, and I think studying and reading outside more might actually help me focus a little harder on what I'm doing.

There is seriously nothing more difficult than sitting in a tiny apartment reading a geography lab under the light of a crappy five dollar Wal-Mart and actually caring about what the lab says. I think getting outdoors and doing homework would be a rather productive use of the nice weather.

Finally, if anyone else is struggling with motivational issues this time of the year, I have to admit the entire concept of spring cleaning is actually a great idea. I recently attacked my apartment with a barrage of different cleaning chores and it did make me feel quite a bit better when I was done. I even went as far as to rearrange my furniture. Everything looked fresh and sparkling and generally better when I finished detailing my place. When your living space looks organized and all the junk you no longer need or want is gone, it does wonders for your mood for the rest of the week.

Getting through the end of the second semester is a boring job, but there is light at the end of our textbook-paved tunnels. In a few weeks, we can stop procrastinating on our papers, dragging ourselves to lectures and moping around campus. In the meantime, focusing on the positive elements of the year and trying to keep on schedule with everything will certainly help make time go faster.

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# America's negative view of liberals not warranted



David Rose

I am a liberal and I'm proud of it. I love this country as much as any of my conservative counterparts, though I might express it in a different way.

For too long the name "liberal" has been tarnished in this nation. With it comes too many negative connotations and insinuations that we liberals are not true patriots and that we are out to destroy the United States. Not so. As a liberal, I can testify that I and all of the other liberals I know would rather see this nation thrive and prosper than fall to terrorists or communism (or whatever the buzz word of the day happens to be).

Though liberalism and conservatism in the U.S. are loosely defined, John F. Kennedy accurately described a liberal as "someone

who cares about the welfare of the people – their health, their housing, their schools, their jobs, their civil rights and their civil liberties."

Most liberals also agree government can be a positive force in both our society and our economy.

Conservative pundits and commentators like Glenn Beck and Ann Coulter, on the other hand, would describe liberals as nothing less than godless communists who sympathize with terrorists and hate freedom. Nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, most liberals are religious and would take American capitalism over communism any day. Few liberals truly want the government to take over health care or any other aspect of the economy. Furthermore, supporting the trial of terrorists in civilian courts attests to my faith in our judicial system much more than my sympathy for terrorists.

One of the most important parts of modern liberalism is a defense of the redistribution of wealth through government programs such as the progressive income tax, Social Security and now health care reform. Conserva-

tive commentators often describe these welfare programs as supporting lazy people who simply refuse to go out and look for work. However, this scrutiny of welfare falls under much weight. Take, for example, the tens of millions of people actively seeking work but simply cannot find any due to conditions out of their control. Should those hard-working people suffer or should the government step in and assist them? A liberal will answer with the latter.

I wish I could defend every liberal position case by case, but such a defense could hardly be complete or representative of all liberals in America. However, liberalism has been misrepresented by both the media and major political leaders and as a result, radicalism has once again reared its ugly head.

Across America, radical conservative groups are stockpiling weapons while liberal leaders in Congress receive threats of violence against themselves and their families. These two occurrences are not unrelated, nor are they unrelated from the discourse of the conservative media and poli-

ticians.

I, for one, will not sit idly as the name "liberal" is bandied about like some kind of demonic moniker worthy of its own McCarthy (or Beck) blacklist. The notion liberals, including President Barack Obama and his Democratic allies, want to end the American way of life is ridiculous. As such, the death threats and growing radicalism are equally ridiculous.

I might disagree with you about health care or immigration or every other political issue, but I would never suggest you don't love this country as much as I do. Our country may be faced with one of its toughest challenges in decades, but that hardly gives us the right to throw about insidious lies and threaten each other. The challenges we face, we face together. The nation we build, we build together; but as the hero to both conservatives and liberals, Abraham Lincoln, once said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

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# Bad Advice



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## Required meetings to lift enrollment flags not necessary



Karen Ingram

As Peter Griffin would say, "You know what really grinds my gears?"

Academic advisers. I've not had the best of luck with mine, and based on what I've heard from other students with different kinds of majors, I'm not the only one. My boyfriend has cycled through several advisers he's branded as "useless" before finding one he's happy with.

I will protect the identity of my adviser by giving them

the code name "Dalek" and playing the Pronoun Game to avoid assigning "them" a gender.

Dalek has been advising me for several semesters now. Dalek seems like a nice person, but I never felt as though they were being terribly helpful. My boyfriend was better at explaining things to me than Dalek was, and Dalek discouraged me from taking any classes that were not vital to my major's requirements. I'm in no hurry to graduate, and I'd like to use the opportunity I have in college to try new things, but I played along because they have the final say, which leads me to my first complaint: Flags are stupid.

My last two meetings consisted of me handing Dalek a list of the classes I'd chosen so they would lift my flag. This se-

mester, when I checked DARS to see what classes I should pick for fall 2010, I discovered a couple of University General Education classes I'd taken in the past did not count toward my UGE requirements because they were English classes. Somehow my adviser had failed to advise me about this.

I decided I didn't want to take the time to go all the way to their office for a senseless three-minute meeting, so I sent Dalek an e-mail with my chosen classes. Luckily, Dalek was happy to settle things by e-mail, but they had a problem with one of the classes I'd chosen. According to DARS, which Dalek has always pushed me to use as my guide the entire time I've known them, the class I wanted to take would count toward my literature or language coursework requirement. I told

them so, and Dalek responded with this statement:

"I'm not sure why, but DARS isn't lining up with the requirements for the English major as they are stated on the department's curriculum guide, and in this case we need to go by the guide rather than DARS."

This really irked me. Dalek has been swearing to me that DARS is the greatest thing since sliced bread, and now is backpedaling. Meanwhile, my boyfriend's adviser has been telling him not to bother with DARS. This leads me to my biggest complaint about advisers: They are inconsistent, both with each other and with themselves.

Finally, I asked Dalek if I had to fill out any surveys before I could sign up for classes, like last semester. They said

"No." Well ... there was one, and it took screaming and cursing at the computer before I found the darn thing.

My final complaint: It's not a survey if it's mandatory. Call it something else or get rid of it. And make sure the advisers are aware of it, so they give the correct information.

My solution is simple. I say we make advisers optional for students after their first two years. This would lighten the workload for these overworked and overwhelmed advisers, who have their own classes to teach and papers to grade on top of everything else, as well as spare students the angst over dealing with advisers who give misleading and/or inconsistent information.

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**Q: STREET TALK**  
What is the best or worst advice your adviser has ever given you?



"Fill out your adviser survey on time."

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Junior,  
mechanical engineering



"Drop out."

Michael Bazan  
Freshman,  
fine arts



"Take electives that you enjoy."

Marissa Miller  
Sophomore,  
environmental design



"Don't take early 7:30 classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

Gabby Bense  
Freshman,  
animal sciences and industry

### AWKWARD GRAD

## Simple delivery leads to mixed signals, uncomfortable waiting



Adam Reichenberger

"So you're single?"  
"Sure?" I was really confused. This woman, this 45-year-old woman wasn't coming on to me, I was convinced of that. She always jokes a little. Older women always want me to meet their daughters, so it seemed in the norm, but still, a bit straightforward.  
"Do you have a receipt for me, sweetheart?"  
Nope. "Eee, sorry. I don't have

one on me, but I can bring one back on my next delivery."

"Oh, heavens no!"  
"I'm out anyway; it's no deal at all."

"And how would I know you'd come back to me?" A little strangely put, but no harm.

"Well ..." I started before she interrupted me.

"You'd have to give me your name and home phone number and cell number."

Strange. Very strange. She went back to make a copy of the receipt. I was close to uncomfortable at this point. I considered running out.

"What is your name, sweetheart? You do come here all the time."

"Well you girls order from us all the time. I'm Adam ... and are you

Stacey?" Stacey was the woman whom I had spoke with on the phone when they ordered.

She gave me a look as if I had made some horrible mistake. She tugged on her shirt just a bit and looked down at her chest.

"Well you're not wearing a name tag. How was I to know?" I really wanted to leave.

At this point she grabbed her shirt by a seam I previously didn't know existed and ripped it open to reveal a name tag pinned to teal scrubs underneath. Monica.

"Monica, Monica ..." I thought for a second. "You had the regular salad. Nothing changed about it."

"Oh, I'm a regular girl. Not complicated at all."

"Maybe just a little bit?"

"Well, maybe."  
I thought we were done. She

still hadn't returned my receipt yet, and things were feeling very awkward on my side of the counter.

She finally signed it, and looking up, gave me this gem, "I broke up with my boyfriend this weekend."

"Oh yeah?" I said with a laugh. She seemed like every other inappropriately awkward older woman who thinks I'm cute, but now I realized she was serious. "Oh, you're serious ..."

I was a little scared to be truthful.

"Yeah ... it's over."  
"Huh. What did you do that for?"

"He went hunting."  
"Yeah, I hate hunters too." I just wanted to leave.

"He's so irresponsible. Not like you. Not like you at all!"

Whaaaaa?  
She went on, "He called in from work ..."

"Well sure." I really wanted that receipt.

"... to go hunting ..."

"Did he shoot anything?"  
"I don't know." I don't think she liked me anymore. She exhaled loudly and returned to her seat across the desk. "Here you are."

And there I was. She handed me the receipt, and I slowly backed away until I was out of sight, at which point I'd like to say I ran to my car and sped off, but really I just laughed.

I love the delivery business; you just never see it coming.

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## Nutter's Midweek Musings



Justin Nutter

Wednesday conundrums while the K-State football team continues spring practice and gears up for the annual Purple/White scrimmage on April 24.

- It was officially made public at Monday's press conference that head football coach Bill Snyder suffered ACL and MCL injuries after a collision in practice last week. He walked into the press conference like nothing was wrong.

- Those are injuries that are notorious for ending athletes' careers. How in the world Snyder, who turned 70 last October, was able to walk away from that, is absolutely beyond me.

- Believe it or not, he actually applauded the players who planted him in the turf, calling it an aggressive mistake. It's good to know that he has his priorities in order – even when getting run over. Oh well. Once a coach, always a coach.

- In other news, it sounds like the quarterback battle is slowly turning into a two-man race. All signs indicate Carson Coffman or Collin Klein will be the front-runner at the end of the spring.

- No disrespect to Coffman, but I think the beginning of last season proved he has no business starting under center for a D-I program. He's a pretty good athlete and seems to have a decent football IQ, but I doubt we'll hear his name in any Heisman Trophy conversations any time soon.

- I'm as intrigued as anyone about Sammuell Lamur – the relatively unknown third candidate for the job – but in my opinion, it's Klein's job to lose. His 6-foot-5, 233-pound frame is ideal for Big 12 competition and his contributions as a receiver last season showed his mobility.

- I've obviously never seen the guy play quarterback, but he was pretty highly regarded coming out of high school. Also, having played a year at receiver gives him another dimension that Coffman and Lamur don't have. He's run the routes himself and seen the field through a receiver's eyes. That should give him a better understanding of when to throw and who to throw to.

- Speaking of receivers, I've got the chance to talk to transfers Chris Harper and Brodrick Smith over the last couple weeks, and fans should definitely be excited to see these guys in purple this year. Both guys left their previous schools to be closer to home and K-State should pay off big time because of it.

- With the graduation of Brandon Banks and Attrail Snipes, as well as the departure of Lamark Brown, Harper and Smith couldn't have come at a better time. Both played pretty significant roles at their previous schools in 2008 – Harper at Oregon and Smith at Minnesota – and those numbers should be even bigger this year.

- Don't be surprised to see Braden Wilson factor into the offense a little more in 2010. Snyder had plenty of good things to say about the sophomore fullback this week and called him an old-school guy who would have been great in the days before facemasks.

- When I heard him say that, I couldn't help but think of former Snyder fullbacks like Brian Goolsby, Rock Cartwright and Victor Mann. Maybe Wilson will continue K-State's legacy of hard hitting ball carriers who would rather run over a defender than around him. Guess we'll find out soon enough. Stay tuned.

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# Eating Dirt



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Nebraska outfielder **DJ Belfonte** dives back to first base as K-State infielder **Mike Kindel** tries to tag him out on a pick off attempt. The Wildcats beat the Cornhuskers two out of three games in the series matchup.

## Wildcats lose after struggle with Cougars

Blake Thorson | COLLEGIAN

The Wildcat baseball team was unable to overcome an early 6-1 deficit in an ugly 15-9 defeat to the Brigham Young University Cougars last night in Provo, Utah. The Cougars overcame five errors and eight walks to drop the Wildcats to 23-7 on the season.

Coming off a series win at home against Nebraska, the Wildcats were roughed up early and often during BYU's offensive onslaught. The K-State pitchers were plagued by walks, hit-by-pitches and two long balls from BYU designated hitter Ryan Bernal. Sophomore starter Kayvon Bahramzadeh lasted only 1.2 innings and picked up the loss to move to 0-2 on the year. The right-hander gave up three runs on three hits while walking four and only striking out one.

Bahramzadeh was not the only pitcher to struggle for the Wildcats, as heavily-used relievers junior Thomas Rooke and sophomore Matt Applegate relieved Bahramzadeh. Each lasted only 1.2 innings and gave up a combined nine runs on seven hits while walking

three.

It looked as though K-State had grabbed the momentum early in the contest. The Wildcats drew first blood when freshman Blair DeBord doubled home junior Kent Urban in the second inning, but it was the last time the Wildcats would enjoy an advantage. The Cougars got three runs in both the second and third innings to open up a 6-1 lead, which they would not relinquish.

The Cougars used two stolen bases and a wild pitch to score three runs in the second while they got three hits and benefited from a Wildcat error to score three in the third.

The Wildcats didn't go away quietly, as they battled back with three runs of their own in the top of the fourth with the aid of two wild pitches from Cougar starter Mark Anderson who also walked six Wildcats on the evening. However, Anderson still picked up the win by hurling 3.2 innings and giving up three earned runs.

Bernal struck back with a 2-run shot in the bottom half of the inning to push the lead back to four runs for the Cougars. He would add a grand slam in the

fifth inning to make the score 12-4 and give him six RBIs on the night.

The Wildcats cut the lead to three after seven frames, but the Cougars would get three more in the eighth to finish off the Wildcats. Freshman reliever Tyler Giannonatti continued the trend of Wildcat pitching, giving up three runs on four hits in three innings of work.

Sophomore Nick Martini also saw his school-record hitting streak of 27 games come to an end as he went 0-for-3 but did have two walks and scored a run for the Wildcats.

K-State made only seven hits on the evening but did manage eight walks. Junior Carter Jurica and DeBord each had two-hit games for the Wildcats while Jurica drove in three runs to push his team-leading RBI total to 45.

The win brought the Cougars' record to 15-16 for the season. The teams will wrap up the two-game series with an afternoon contest today. First pitch is scheduled for 12 p.m. and neither team has a projected starter for the contest. There is no television scheduled, but the game will be broadcast on SportsRadio 1350 KMAN.

## Huskers outlast Wildcats at Mizzou tournament



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Senior **Joe Ida** hits the ball from the rough during practice last fall at Colbert Hills Golf Course.

Tyler Scott | COLLEGIAN

With great individual play and confidence, the men's golf team took home silver at the Mizzou Intercollegiate on April 12-13. Nebraska grabbed the edge over K-State after the two teams were neck and neck the whole way.

The Wildcats finished one stroke behind the Huskers with a score of six-under-par, 858. Their best score was 284, which came in the second round. Head coach Tim Norris said the team had a very positive tournament all around.

"We had some good finishes with three of our players placing in the top seven," Norris said. "You have to play really well to win the whole thing, but this was a good outing for us."

Host team Missouri placed third, capping off the tournament with a score of three-over-par, 867. Kansas finished in a three-way tie for fifth with Iowa State and Wyoming each penciling in a 21-over-par, 885.

The Wildcats had plenty of bright spots to their tournament as freshman Curtis Yonke placed first individually with a score of five-under-par, 211. It was the second time this season K-State has brought home an individual title. He and

Brandon Crick of Nebraska went through four playoff holes before a victor was decided. Senior Joe Ida placed third, recording his third top-five finish of the season, and notched a four-under-par, 212 score.

"For Curtis to win the whole tournament was great," Norris said. "He played the course really well for a first time. He birdied the second playoff hole and parred the fourth playoff hole to lead him to victory."

Senior Mitchell Gregson also finished in the top-10 placing seventh at one-under-par, 215. Senior Joe Kinney finished tied for 23rd after scoring a six-over-par, 222. Freshman Ben Juffer played individually and posted a score of eight-over-par, 224. He finished tied for 33rd place, which was his best finish of the year. The last of the Wildcats, freshman Chase Chamberlin, finished tied for 51st after posting a score of 14-over-par, 230.

Coach Norris said the result of this tournament will help in the long run.

"This is a good step forward as we prepare to play in Texas," he said. "We've played there already, and this performance will help us going back there."

Next action for the team will be April 23-25 when they travel to Trinity, Texas, for the Big 12 Championship.

## Women's golf finishes sixth

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

After two days of battling a firm and fast course at Twin Rivers Golf Club in Waco, Texas, the women's team ended the regular season by carding a 75-over-par 939 for a sixth place finish in the Baylor Spring Invitational. Baylor won the event, and coming in second through fifth were Oklahoma, Texas Tech, Oregon and Arkansas-Little Rock.

By coming in sixth, K-State defeated 10 other teams.

"It was a solid finish for us in this field," coach Kristi Knight said. "I think we had mixed feelings about it. It's a solid finish, but we didn't really play very well as a team. We had some good rounds, but we also had some bad rounds. I think that shows us we're improving as a team – when you can kind of have your struggles but still get a solid finish."

The most consistent performers for the Wildcats this time were junior Emily Houtz and freshman Hanna Roos. This was Houtz's first tournament competing for the team this spring. She had the lowest total score of anyone on the team and placed 19th with a 17-over-par 233. Roos has participated in all four spring tournaments, and she finished tied for 20th place with an 18-over par 234.

Seniors Abbi Sunner and Morgan Moon, who both had one solid round and one lesser round on Monday, shot between those extremes in the final round yesterday. Sunner shot a 6-over-par 78 to finish tied for 23rd with 19-over-par 235, and Moon shot an 8-over-par 80 to come in tied for 30th with 21-over-par 237.

Junior Elise Houtz struggled evenly throughout the tournament; she had 13-over-par 85 in the first round, 14-over-par 86 in the second round and 10-over-par 80 in the third round. She finished tied for 75th.

"We really didn't have a round where we really came together as a team, where we got four scores," Knight said. "That's what we've got to do."

Sophomore Paige Osterloo, competing as an individual, came in 85th with a 47-over-par 263. This was her second time competing as an individual this spring.

Knight said the weather was good, breezier from the start than Monday, but with sunny skies. She said the course played very tough and each of the ladies can improve from having gone through this experience. She said in golf there are only so many things one can control: decision-making, thoughts and preparation. Weather and course conditions do not fall into that category, and those are aspects that can affect a golfer's patience and confidence.

"All the ladies have an opportunity to be a better player because when you have an experience like this, you take the most out of it," Knight said.

# MHS recipient of new band uniforms thanks to Pepsi-Cola

Lauren Garrison | COLLEGIAN

The Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Manhattan has recently awarded a Pepsi Refresh Grant for \$10,000 to Manhattan High School. The grant will be used to help MHS purchase new band uniforms for the Big Blue Marching Band.

The Pepsi Refresh Grant is in association with the Pepsi-Cola Company's current Pepsi Refresh project. As part of the project, Pepsi-Cola will award money to businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals, with ideas on how to positively impact their community. These ideas are submitted to Pepsi-Cola through their project Web site, *Refresheverything.com*. Anyone can submit ideas, and people vote for them via the Web site.

On the Web site, the ideas are separated into six different categories: health and fitness, arts and culture, neighborhoods, the planet, education and food and shelters. The ideas with the most votes receive a Pepsi Refresh Grant of \$5,000; \$25,000; \$50,000 or \$250,000, depending on who presented the idea (individual, small group, organization, etc.).

"This grant is the local part of the national Pepsi Refresh project," said Michele Jones, public relations coordinator for Manhattan-Ogden USD 383. "Local branches are allowed to give money to community organizations as part of the project."

Michael Dorst, assistant principal at MHS, said the national Pepsi-Cola company produced \$5,000 to give to MHS, and Pepsi-Cola of Manhattan matched

the donation to make the \$10,000 grant for the purchase of new band uniforms.

"Because of the issues going on with the state, like budget cuts we would have been unable to buy the uniforms ourselves," Dorst said.

The new uniforms, which will be purchased from Fred J. Miller Inc. of Miamisburg, Ohio, will cost a total of \$59,650. Dorst said that, along with the Pepsi Refresh Grant, the high school had help from the Booster club, which donated \$10,000 for the uniforms.

He also said the high school had a local fund-raising campaign which raised \$10,000, and there are other fundraiser projects that have been going on in the schools.

The current band uniforms were originally purchased in 1992, and they are wool-based, requiring professional dry cleaning annually. The bill to clean the uniforms, Dorst said, is about \$14,000.

"The old uniforms were being held together by staples, duct tape and glue," Dorst said. "So it's for a very good cause."

The national Pepsi Refresh project will continue until the end of the year. People can vote for up to 10 ideas every day, and voting on accepted submissions takes place throughout the month. Applications for ideas will be accepted from the first to the 15th of each month, or until Pepsi-Cola receives 1,000 ideas.

To vote or submit an idea for the Pepsi Refresh project, visit *Refresheverything.com*.

# AWARENESS | March aims to prevent assault

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also said though the performers are teens themselves, they answer the questions very well.

The script for the performance about teen dating violence was written by Allison Basinger, an education and prevention coordinator for SAFEHOME, who was once a theater teacher. SAFEHOME Inc. is an agency which provides support for survivors of domestic violence in Johnson County, Kan.

"We are the only domestic violence center in Johnson County," Bourek said. "We provide shelter services, a 24-hour hotline, counseling, among other services. We also work with many other organizations to promote awareness."

Though the city of Manhattan has its own sexual assault and domestic violence crisis center, the center will not be hosting any events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. However, K-State will be hosting its annual Take Back the Night march on April 29.

TBTN is sponsored by Ordinary Women, also known as OW, a feminist group on campus. TBTN is an event

staged all over the country in several different communities, and the purpose of the march is to symbolize women reclaiming areas that become predatory after dark.

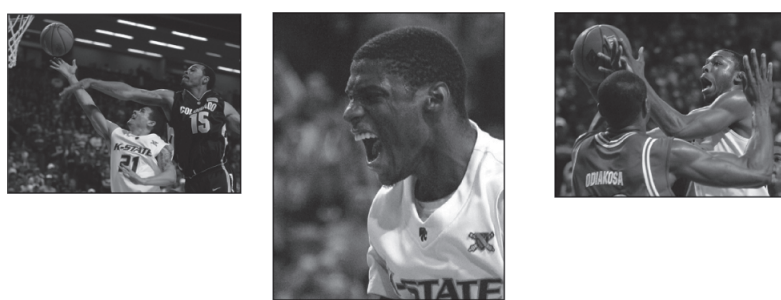
TBTN at K-State has been annually held for the past 12 years and begins in Bosco Student Plaza. Those who attend the event march through Aggieville and end in Triangle Park, where there is a speech.

"It's a rally and a march," said Madeline Wetta, junior in women's studies and English. "We do a clothesline project in the week leading up to the event."

For the clothesline project, Wetta said, Ordinary Women has people witness their sexual assault stories on T-shirts. The shirts are hung up on clotheslines every day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the plaza. She also said the T-shirts will be on display at Triangle Park for the TBTN march.

For more information on KCSOV, visit *Kcsdv.org*, and for more information about the K-State organization Ordinary Women, visit *Ksu.edu/ordinary-women*. TBTN will begin at 7 p.m. on April 29.

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